Concise Explanatory Statement

Ballast Water

Rules amended as part of this rulemaking:

WAC 220-650-010 Purpose, stakeholder consultation, and cooperative management.

WAC 220-650-030 Reporting forms, waivers, safety exemptions, and recordkeeping.

WAC 220-650-040 Vessel inspections.

WAC 220-650-060 Temporary compliance plans and alternative strategies.

WAC 220-650-070 Interim open sea exchange requirements.

WAC 220-650-080 Interim open sea exchange alternative.

WAC 220-650-100 Treatment notification and promising treatment waiver process.

WAC 220-650-110 Ballast tank sediment.

WAC 220-650-120 Penalties and enforcement.

Rules repealed as part of this rulemaking:

None

New rules as part of this rulemaking:

None

1. Background/Summary of Project:

Based on inaccuracies in the regulations, it was necessary to update and revise certain portions of WAC chapter 220-650.

2. Reasons for adopting these rules:

The department needs to amend sections in WAC chapter 220-650 to revise internal WAC references and incorrect department contact information in current sections.

3. Differences between the proposed rule and the rule as adopted:

There were no differences between the proposed rules and the adopted rules.

4. Comments received during the official public comment period:

There were no written comments.